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Sir,

In the specification:

Please replace the specification with the substitute specification submitted herewith.

In the drawings:

Please replace sheet 1 of the drawings with the replacement sheet provided (also submitted on this date by mail for better line quality).

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (canceled).

2. (currently amended). A fastener ~~according to claim 1~~ for holding and spacing an object at a predetermined distance from a substrate comprising:a bridge portion having a length;